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County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACT
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR
AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING, MATERIALS TESTING,
AND INSPECTION SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize five consultant services agreements for a maximum not-to-exceed contract amount of \$3,750,000 each for as-needed geotechnical engineering, materials testing, and inspection services to be utilized on various Federal and non-Federal funded projects throughout the County for a 3-year term plus two 1-year extension options each.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute consultant services agreements with the following five firms: Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.; Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; and Leighton Consulting, Inc., to provide as needed geotechnical engineering, materials testing, and inspection services for various Federally funded projects, if this agreement is approved by Caltrans, and for non-Federally funded County projects for a 3-year term with two 1-year renewal options with a maximum not-to-exceed contract amount of \$3,750,000 for each contract and \$18.75 million in aggregate amount. Although these are all considered large firms, the Contractor's Utilization Participation for As-Needed Geotechnical Engineering, Materials Testing and Inspection Services

table indicates that of the 50 sub-consultants, 42 are Small Business Enterprises, and 8 are Local Small Business Enterprises. The term of each consultant services agreement shall commence on the date of the full execution of the contract. The expiration of each of the consultant services agreement is subject to the following condition: where services for a given project have been authorized by the County but are not completed by the consultant prior to the stated expiration date, the term of the contract shall be extended by an amendment.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to make any changes to the terms and conditions of the consultant services contracts, which Caltrans may require based upon its conformance review, but only to the extent that such changes do not increase the costs of the contract or materially impact the performance of the contracts.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to authorize additional services and extend the contract expiration date, for each of the above-referenced agreements, as necessary to complete those additional services when those additional services are: (1) previously unforeseen, (2) related to a previously assigned scope of work on a given project, and (3) are necessary for the completion of that given project.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to supplement the initial not-to-exceed contract amount for each of the above-referenced agreements by up to \$75,000 per amendment based on workload requirements. The aggregate amount for each agreement of such amendments shall not exceed 25 percent of the original contract amount but only to the extent that there is sufficient approved budget capacity for the additional amounts.

6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the two 1-year extension options on the consultant services agreements with the following five firms: Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.; Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; and Leighton Consulting, Inc., at the discretion of the Director, based upon workload demands and the level of satisfaction with the services provided.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Due to the discretionary and intermittent nature of various construction projects, the purpose of the recommended actions is to support the Department of Public Works' ability to provide geotechnical engineering, materials testing, and inspection services in support of various Public Works projects located throughout the County and contract cities. In addition, the selected as-needed consultants possess an availability to provide, if needed, specialized equipment and expertise that is not presently available within Public Works. This expertise includes the testing for the presence of hazardous materials. For example, specialized equipment and expert assistance was recently provided to the Department of Public Health and Toxic Threat Strike Team assessments conducted at the Porter Ranch homes after the uncontrolled Southern California Gas emissions. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was focused on selecting firms that can be certified by Caltrans to process Federal funded projects. Public Works anticipates that the volume of Federal, State, and locally-funded projects will exceed the capacity of Public Works employees without these as-needed geotechnical engineering, materials testing, and inspection services contracts.

Prior to the execution of the consultant services contracts, a contract review will be performed by Caltrans to ensure that the contract is in conformance with Federal guidelines. As part of this conformance review, Caltrans may require changes be made to the terms of the contract. Public

Works will make the required changes only if such changes: (1) do not increase the cost of the contract, (2) do not materially impact the performance of the contract, and (3) are acceptable to the consultant. If the three above conditions are not met, the contract(s) will not have provisions enabling the County to use the consultant(s) on Federal funded projects. In that case, the consultant(s) services contract will be modified to provide as-needed geotechnical services on only non-Federal funded County projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2), and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The consultants who have the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner will support Public Works in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The maximum not-to-exceed contract amount is \$3,750,000 each for Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.; Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; and Leighton Consulting, Inc., for the initial 3-year term and two 1-year extension options for a total maximum 5-year period. The Director of Public Works or her designee may supplement the initial not to exceed contract amount for each of the agreements by up to \$75,000 per amendment based on workload requirements. The aggregate amount for each agreement of such amendments shall not exceed 25 percent of the original contract amount but only to the extent that there is sufficient approved budget capacity for the additional amounts.

Financing for these consultant services agreements is included in various Public Works Funds in Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budgets. Funding to finance future contract years will be requested through the annual budget process. Since the work may be requested on an as-needed basis, and may be from various funds, work will not be authorized without first ascertaining that funds are available. Total expenditures for these consultant services; however, will not exceed the amount approved by the Board.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The consultant services agreements will contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Chief Executive Office and the Board's requirements.

The consultants were selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color. Enclosure A reflects the consultants' utilization participation.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the

CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action to award as-needed engineering and support services is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment. We will return to the Board as necessary for consideration of appropriate environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA before the approval of any activities that constitute a project under CEQA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On August 4, 2014, Public Works issued a RFP for as needed geotechnical engineering, materials testing, and inspection services. The RFP was posted on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites and advertised in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, (Enclosures B, C, and D). Public Works reached out to non-Local Small Business Enterprises (LSBE) and/or Small Business Enterprises (SBE) firms to inform them and their subconsultants of the benefits of being a certified LSBE and to encourage them to become an LSBE, if eligible.

Public Works' practice is to allow firms to compete on proposals as primes in one of three categories: small-, medium-, or large-sized firms. Due to Federal guidelines and processes, which prohibit identifying firms by size categories, we were unable to conform to this practice.

Seventeen firms responded to the RFP. An evaluation committee, consisting of Public Works' technical staff, evaluated the proposals as outlined in the RFP. The selected firms represent the highest rated firms to provide the required services based on their technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel, qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. The following five firms were selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender: Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.; Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; and Leighton Consulting, Inc.

The recommended consultant services agreements require that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.; Fugro Consultants, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; and Leighton Consulting, Inc., are aware of Public Works' Outreach Program, and their proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation is on file with Public Works. Although these are all considered large firms, the enclosed Contractor's Utilization Participation for As-Needed Geotechnical Engineering, Materials Testing and Inspection Services table indicates that of the 51 sub-consultants, 42 are SBE, and 8 are LSBE. Community Business Enterprise Participation was not required in the solicitation as it conflicts with Federal regulations.

All five selected firms submitted proposals to perform as-needed consultant services for both Federally and non-Federally funded projects. Pursuant to Caltrans' Local Assistance Program Guidelines, consultant services agreements for Federally funded projects require a conformance review of the consultants' cost proposal and draft agreement. As part of this conformance review, Caltrans may require changes be made to the contract terms. Public Works will make the required changes only if such changes: (1) do not increase the cost of the contract, (2) do not materially impact the performance of the contract, and (3) are acceptable to the consultant. If the three above conditions are not met, the contract(s) will not have provisions enabling the County to use the consultant(s) on Federally funded projects. In that case, the consultant(s) services agreements will be modified to provide as-needed geotechnical engineering services on only non-Federally funded County projects.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program) does not apply to the recommended agreements. These agreements are exempt from the requirements of Proposition A because the services are required on a part-time and intermittent basis. Public Works notified the Union on this solicitation.

The consultant services agreements include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with Board Policy No. 5.070, Multi-Year Services Contract Cost of Living Adjustments.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services agreements. These consultant services agreements will provide necessary as-needed geotechnical engineering, materials testing, and inspection services to support various County projects in an efficient manner enhancing the delivery of County projects and services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CONSULTANT'S UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION FOR AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING, MATERIALS TESTING,
AND INSPECTION SERVICES

SELECTED FIRMS

Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) *only subcontractors with Utilization Participation are listed.	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled/Vet
AMEC Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.						
2R Drilling		X				
C&L Drilling Co.		X				
Martini Drilling Corp		X	X		X	
Innovative Construction Solutions		X				
Wagner Engineering & Surveying				X	X	
AP Engineering and Testing, Inc.	X		X		X	
Advanced Technology Laboratories		X	X			
American Scientific Laboratories		X		X		
Advanced Geoscience		X				
Labelle Marvin		X				
A Cone Zone		X				
Fugro Consultants, Inc.						
Geo-Advantec, Inc.	X	X				
S&T Engineering	X					
C&L Drilling Co.		X				
Jet Drilling	X	X				
Full Traffic Maintenance		X	X			
American Integrated Services, Inc.			X			
Advanced Technology Laboratories		X	X	X	X	
Kleinfelder, Inc.			X	X	X	
AP Engineering and Testing, Inc.			X		X	

Enclosure A

Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) *only subcontractors with Utilization Participation are listed.	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled/Vet
C&L Drilling Co.		X				
Diaz Yourman Associates		X			X	
Martini Drilling Corp		X	X		X	
Pat-Chem Laboratories		X				
PMCS Group	X	X		X		
Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc.						
American Integrated Services, Inc.			X			
California Barricade Rentals, Inc.		X		X		
Advanced Technology Laboratories		X	X	X	X	
Calvada Surveying, Inc.		X	X		X	X
Martini Drilling Corp		X	X		X	
Geo-Logic Associates		X				
Leighton Consulting, Inc.						
A Cone Zone Traffic Control		X				
Advanced Technology Laboratories		X	X	X	X	
AP Engineering and Testing, Inc.			X		X	
C&L Drilling Co.		X				
E-Nor Innovations	X	X				
Jet Drilling	X	X				
Martini Drilling Corporation		X				
Pat-Chem Laboratories		X				
Young Engineering (Young Engineers and Contractors)		X				
2R Drilling Incorporated		X				
Civiltec Engineering Inc.		X				
EarthSpecives		X				
GeoVision Geophysical Services		X				
Health Science Associates		X				

Enclosure A

Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) *only subcontractors with Utilization Participation are listed.	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled/Vet
Jones Environmental, Inc.	X					
Middle Earth Geo Testing, Inc.		X				
Millennium Environmental, Inc.		X				
Pacific Drilling Co		X				
SAF-r-DIG Utility Surveys, Inc.		X				
Terra Physics		X				

NON-SELECTED FIRMS

Consultant Name (identified only firm's with utilization)	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled/Vet
Axiom Corporation		X	X			
Ninyo & Moore			X			
RMA Group		X				

Bid Detail Information**Bid Number :** AED7739933**Bid Title :** AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING, MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES**Bid Type :** Commodity**Department :** Public Works**Commodity :** CONSULTING SERVICES - ENGINEERING**Open Date :** 8/4/2014**Closing Date :** 9/4/2014 2:00 PM**Bid Amount :** \$ 0 00**Bid Download :** [Available](#)

Bid Description : The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide as-needed geotechnical engineering, materials testing and inspection services for various construction projects located within Los Angeles County.

A sampling of project types includes road construction, pipe jacking, bridge foundations, retaining walls, levees, dams, tunnels, reservoirs, utility pipelines, slope stability issues (potential and existing), stormwater infiltration feasibility, and peer review of geotechnical reports.

Services may include, but are not limited to, geotechnical and geologic investigations, subsurface exploration, laboratory testing, geotechnical analyses and evaluations, report preparation, and providing recommendations for proposed or mitigative work. Materials testing services may include, but are not limited to, fill placement and/or excavation observation and testing, asphalt construction and testing, soil cement construction and testing, and reinforced concrete construction and testing.

Services shall be provided on an as-needed basis with a minimum of 24-hour notice.

The Request for Proposals is available to download free on DPW's website at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities> or [Click Here](#) to access RFP.

Proposals must be addressed and submitted to the Department of Public Works, Architectural Engineering Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Cashier's Office, Mezzanine Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803, Attention Ms. Loydi Nguyen, no later than 2 p.m., September 4, 2014.

Please e-mail questions relating to this RFP to the person listed below.

Contact Name : Loydi Nguyen**Contact Phone# :** (626) 458-2180**Contact Email :** Lnguyen@dpw.lacounty.gov**Last Changed On :** 8/5/2014 7:09:04 AM[Back to Last Window](#)

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The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to provide As-Needed Geotechnical Engineering Materials Testing and Inspection Services located within Los Angeles County. Proposals are due September 4, 2014, no later than 2 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Cashier's Office. Additionally, Consultants must give consideration to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms. Request for Proposal may be downloaded for free at Public Works' website: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>.
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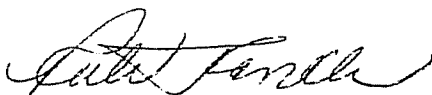
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At Los Angeles, California

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Signature

